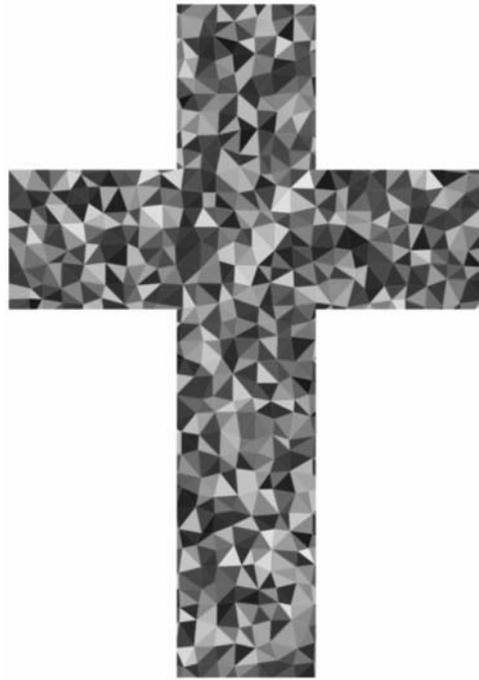


# S a i n t A g n e s



*St. Agnes is an inclusive Catholic community dedicated to the love of God and service to others. We rejoice in the Gospel, the celebration of the Liturgy, and the Sacraments. We welcome the opportunity to share God's message and to bring all into the life of Christ.*

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Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

Psalm 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15

2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

Luke 20:27-38

## Weekly Schedule

### Sunday Masses

Saturday 5:30pm, Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am

### Weekday Masses

Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 12noon

**Reconciliation:** Saturday at 4:30pm

**Parish Office:** Monday - Friday 9am-4pm

**Cash Card Sales:** After all weekend Masses and weekdays during office hours (please call first)

Sat, Nov 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stewardship Weekend</li> <li>Health Screening after All Masses</li> </ul>
Sun, Nov 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stewardship Sunday</li> <li>RCIA 9am (Historic Chapel)</li> <li>No CFF</li> </ul>
Mon, Nov 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Veteran's Day</li> </ul>
Tues, Nov 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No CFF</li> <li>KOC Meeting 7:30pm</li> </ul>
Wed, Nov 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finance Council 6pm</li> <li>AA 7pm</li> </ul>
Thurs, Nov 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Joe &amp; Shirley Talago Burial in Arlington Cemetery at 1pm</li> </ul>
Fri, Nov 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Book Discussion 10:30am</li> </ul>
Sat, Nov 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hospitality Updating and Training 10am</li> <li>First Reconciliation 4pm</li> </ul>
Sun, Nov 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RCIA 9am (Historic Chapel)</li> <li>CFF 9:15am</li> <li>Hospitality Updating and Training 12noon</li> </ul>

## New Hymnals



### The Gift of Music

#### Memorialize this year's hymnal

Our 2020 Hymnals will be here on December 1, the start of our new liturgical year! You will find envelopes in each hymnal if you would like to dedicate a hymnal to a loved one. Place completed forms in the offertory basket.

## Lector Books Available

Attention All Lectors! Your lector books are ready for pick up! You will find them in the Narthex in front of the St. Agnes mosaic. Please note that we will begin using these new books on Sunday, December 1, the First Sunday of Advent, so you will want to get yours now!

## Parishioner in Need of Ride to Mass

One of our parishioners is looking for a ride to either 5:30pm or 10:30am Mass from Kearneysville. If you might be able to help her out, give the office a call.



## Mass Intentions

Sunday, 8:00am Mass for

**Margarita Pierpont**



Sunday, 10:30am Mass for

**Deceased Members of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court 392 Martinsburg**

May Margarita and the Deceased Members of the Catholic Daughters share in the fulness of God's mercy and peace.

In your kindness, please pray for Bernie Hudak, sister of Claire Williamson, who died this past week. May Bernie share in the fulness of God's love and peace.

## Remember in Prayer

Please pray daily for those serving in the Military, our veterans in recovery, and those recently ill especially Lorraine Javorsky, Nan York, Linda Reynolds (friend of Sue Kemnitzer), Bill Mason, and Larry Turner. Names are placed in the bulletin for approximately one month and then placed on the sick list near the baptismal font. Together we pray as a community for all who are listed in the prayer book in addition to those listed above. Your personal prayer requests may be added to the prayer book at any time.

## Invitation!

Invitation!!!! To all parishioners!! We would love you to bring up the gifts at the liturgy!! This is a wonderful way to serve the community. Families, couples, students, young or old, everyone is invited!!

If interested please come 15 minutes early and introduce yourself to a hospitality minister and they will walk you through what you need to do.

Questions? Want more information? Just contact us at [liturgy@stagnesshepherdstown.org](mailto:liturgy@stagnesshepherdstown.org).

## Jefferson County Shoe & Coat Fund

The Jefferson High School Air Force Junior ROTC is actively collecting for the Jefferson County Shoe and Coat fund. We have participated in this fundraiser in the past and helped to make it very successful for many years. Money collected goes towards essential clothing for the winter months for local residents here, in our own county. A few of the JHS AFJROTC cadets will be at all Masses to collect for this vital fund the weekend of November 16th and 17th. Please contact Aimee Ballard at [aimee.ballard2457@yahoo.com](mailto:aimee.ballard2457@yahoo.com) with any questions. Thank you in advance for supporting this worthy cause.

Dear Parishioners,

This past March, a tornado devastated much of Lee County, Alabama. Through donations and our tithing fund we made a contribution of \$1,184 to Catholic Social Services to assist the many folks whose lives were devastated. I received a letter this past week giving us an idea how our donations have assisted the people. I have placed the letter on the bulletin board in the narthex should you like to take a look. The gospel of Luke reminded us on Monday of this past week, that we are called to help those in need, especially those unable to repay. We trust and pray that the Lord will continue to support these folks in Alabama in their ongoing recovery.

On Thursday of this week, our long time parishioners Joe and Shirley Talago will be inurned at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors. They were active members of St. Agnes for many years before Shirley died in 2012 and Joe in 2018. Joe was very much involved in the renovation and addition to the Parish Center (1993) and our new church building (2008). In the last years of his life, Joe established a scholarship fund to assist in the education of young women in Kolofata, Cameroon, Africa. As a parish we continue to support this project as a way to help make a difference in the lives of those who otherwise would have no chance for a better life.

The season for providing a Cold Weather Shelter for the homeless in our local area began with the first of November and continues through the end of March. Even though we will not be able to open our Parish Center as a shelter because it is not able to safely house individuals through the night, St. Agnes will continue to support the efforts coordinated by Jefferson County Community Ministries (JCCM). We have a core committee that will help give direction to our efforts. My hope is that we will have some up to date information in the bulletin next Sunday.

Dear Lord,  
Today we honor our veterans, worthy men and women who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect their country. ... We respect them, we thank them, we honor them, we are proud of them, and we pray that you will watch over these special people and bless them with peace and happiness! Amen!

*Fr. Mat*

## Shepherdstown Ministerial Association Thanksgiving Service November 24 at 4pm At St. Agnes

Please join us on Sunday, November 24, at 4pm, as St Agnes hosts this year's Shepherdstown Ministerial Association's Thanksgiving Service. This is an annual tradition that was established more than 30 years ago.

### November at St Agnes

In the month of November, we prayerfully remember our faithful departed. You are welcome to bring pictures of your loved ones and friends and place them around the baptismal font. You are also welcome to place the names of those who have died in the past year into the Book of the Dead. Please do not enter names a second time, if you have placed a name in the book in the past, it remains and will be included in our prayer throughout this month.

### Coats for Kids

KOC will begin accepting donations during October for their Coats for Kids Campaign. We are asking the parish and community to donate whatever they can towards the purchase of these coats. Last year the Knights gave 156 coats to students here in the Jefferson County school system, the Boys Club, and our own St Agnes students. Donations totaled \$4,000 last year. Cash or check in any denomination (made out to St. Agnes KOC) can be mailed to St. Agnes or Bob Rizzo (PO Box 1143, Shepherdstown, WV 25443). Contact Bob Rizzo for more information: 304-676-5687.

### Eucharistic Minister Training

Eucharistic minister training Nov 16 1-3 pm! If you would like to be an Eucharistic Minister this is the training for you!!

If you are a current Eucharistic minister and want to take a refresher or ask questions please come to the second hour at 2pm- we will be at the Church!! Please let us know if you are interested by emailing us at [liturgy@stagnesshepherdstown.org](mailto:liturgy@stagnesshepherdstown.org).

### RCIA

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** meets each Sunday morning, 9:00-10:15, at our historic St. Agnes Chapel (Church and Washington Streets). All interested in learning about the Catholic faith are welcome to attend. Give Fr Mat a call should you like more information.

## Veteran's Day Facts

Veterans Day originated as "Armistice Day" on Nov. 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance, and Nov. 11 became a national holiday beginning in 1938. Unlike Memorial Day, Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans—living or dead—but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime.

**When Is Veterans Day?** Veterans Day occurs on November 11 every year in the United States in honor of the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" of 1918 that signaled the end of World War I, known as Armistice Day.

In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower officially changed the name of the holiday from Armistice Day to Veterans Day.

In 1968, the Uniform Holidays Bill was passed by Congress, which moved the celebration of Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October. The law went into effect in 1971, but in 1975 President Gerald Ford returned Veterans Day to November 11, due to the important historical significance of the date.

Veterans Day commemorates veterans of all wars.

Great Britain, France, Australia and Canada also commemorate the veterans of World War I and World War II on or near November 11th: Canada has Remembrance Day, while Britain has Remembrance Sunday (the second Sunday of November).

In Europe, Great Britain and the Commonwealth countries it is common to observe two minutes of silence at 11 a.m. every November 11.

Every Veteran's Day and Memorial Day, Arlington National Cemetery holds an annual memorial service. The cemetery is home to the graves of over 400,000 people, most of whom served in the military.

## Youth Meal Ministry

On the fourth Wednesday of each month, our youth serve a delicious, nutritious meal to the hungry of our region. Meals are served at Mt. Zion Episcopal Church fellowship hall on Washington Street in Charles Town. We leave from the parish center at 5pm and arrive about 5:30pm. You are welcome to just meet us there if that is more convenient for you.

The Sunday before, the youth prepare the meal in the parish center at 11:30am with our adult volunteers. Join us on Sunday, November 24, to cook and then on Wednesday, November 27, to serve the meal. For more information or to be placed on the email list, please contact Joe Yates at [joeyates47@gmail.com](mailto:joeyates47@gmail.com).

## Advent 2019 (First Day of Advent December 1)

### Advent Reconciliation

Our Advent Communal Reconciliation will be on Saturday, December 14, at 4pm.

**Advent Reflection Books\*\*** have been carefully crafted to help you explore the depths of Scripture and deepen your relationship with Christ. They help us to spend some quiet time with the Lord each day. These Little Blue Books can be found in the Narthex.

### **At Home with the Word\*\***

This is your guide to a deeper understanding of the Sunday scriptures. It provides the readings for this liturgical year, along with insights from scripture scholars, and action steps. It also includes prayers, citations for weekday readings, and other resources for scripture study. You can pick up your copy of At Home with the Word in the Narthex or at the Parish Center.

### **Advent Wreaths & Candles\*\***

Advent wreaths and candles are available for purchase in the Narthex.

**\*\*A donation envelope is included with each item which can simply be placed in the offertory basket.**

### **Advent Giving Tags**

**(Will be available in the Narthex beginning next week!)**

We are working with local agencies to provide gifts for low income and elderly members of our community. Please select a tag from the wreaths next to the St. Agnes mosaic, purchase a gift for the specific person, wrap it, place the tag on the outside of the wrapped gift, and bring it to the church or parish center **no later than 12 noon on Sunday, December 8**. Social Concerns will sort and deliver all the gifts to the various agencies.

## Youth Mass

December 8th at 5pm

Start your Advent Season off with Youth Mass! Following Youth Mass, we will enjoy sampling your favorite Christmas cookies! Each family is asked to bring at least one dozen of their family's favorite holiday treat. We will also be serving hot chocolate. All are welcome!

Please note that confirmation students do not have class in the morning, but we will be gathering before Youth Mass at 4pm in the parish center for class.

If you would like to assist at the Mass in Hospitality/Reader, please email Joe Yates, [joeyates47@gmail.com](mailto:joeyates47@gmail.com).

## Hospitality Ministers Save the Date!

Hospitality ministry update meeting!! Nov 16, 10-12 at the Church OR Sunday Nov 17 from 12-2 pm. We will be presenting important new safety information. If you cannot attend one of these meetings please let us know at [liturgy@stagnessherdstown.org](mailto:liturgy@stagnessherdstown.org).

## Social Concerns Weekend Update

Thanks to all who participated in our Social Concerns Weekend. We collected \$66 for feminine hygiene products and \$446 and a \$25 cash card for our Homeless Dinner chefs.

During the last month those cooking and preparing the meals for the hungry and homeless have been serving 35 to 40 people each Wednesday evening. Since folks come back for seconds (and sometimes thirds), parishioners serve as many as 60 meals! The cash cards we give them helps offset the cost of the food they purchase. They frequently express their gratitude for this support from our parish.

We apologize for running out of Haitian coffee. We promise to have more at our Dec. 7 & 8 Social Concerns Weekend. The situation in Haiti remains desperate so your purchase of coffee is a huge boon to the coffee farmers and is a concrete way of showing our concern and support. Thank you.

The Advent Wreaths with gift tag requests from area social service agencies will soon be hanging in the Narthex. Please watch for them and take a tag – or two – so that others may have a happy Christmas.

## Book Discussion

Eileen Dooley: 304-876-3320  
dooleywoods@comcast.net

3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month at 10:30am  
All are welcome!

On November 15, we will discuss *Jesus of Nazareth: What He Wanted, Who He Was* by Gerhard Lohfink.

The Book Discussion Group won't meet in December.

On January 17, 2020 we'll begin discussion of *The Universal Christ* by Richard Rohr, and we'll continue the discussion of this book on February 21.

For a change of pace, our March 20 selection will be *Gods of the Upper Air: How a Circle of Renegade Anthropologists Reinvented Race, Sex, and Gender in the Twentieth Century* by Charles King.

## Ignite Your Faith Rally

These retreats are an opportunity for ALL middle and high school students and teens preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation to gather. Small parishes and large parishes will be represented. Participants will have fun, meet new friends, pray, learn, laugh and have the opportunity to grow in their faith. The day is high energy, just like the participants, with lots of music and movement.

December 8th in Charles Town

\*Capacity is 200 people. We will take reservations first come, first served.

For more information or to register, go to <http://www.wvcatholicism.org/ignite-youth-rallies--confirmation-days.html>

## What is CCHD? Continued

Thanks to everyone who came to our Social Concerns presentation last weekend! We enjoyed a great presentation and discussion, led by Brandon Dennison of Coalfield Development. For those who were unable to attend, Coalfield Development is one of two organizations in West Virginia that received funding from Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) in 2019. Check out <https://coalfield-development.org> for more information about Coalfield and their many incredible projects.

The other WV organization that received CCHD funding in 2019 is Call to Action for Racial Equality (CARE). CARE is a statewide racial justice leader, dismantling oppressive structures plaguing communities of color across West Virginia. CARE builds power that combats systemic racism in West Virginia through community organizing, youth leadership development, and policy change. Check out their website at [www.carecoalitionwv.org](http://www.carecoalitionwv.org) to learn more about the important work that CARE does.

As a parish, we will be tithing for CCHD the weekend of November 23/24. Parishioners are welcome to make individual contributions as well.

## World Day of the Poor – Nov. 17

Pope Francis states, *"The poor evangelize us and help us each day to discover the beauty of the Gospel."*

Our faith calls us to serve the poor. The U.S. Society of St. Vincent de Paul has been answering that call since 1845.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul offers the chance to live your faith. Members grow spiritually and develop Christian friendships while serving those in need.

Through person-to-person service, food pantries, thrift stores, medical care, rent and utility assistance, disaster relief, advocacy and more, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul helps people move out of poverty to self-sufficiency. Each year, the Society gives over 12 million service hours to help those in need and serves more than 5 million people.

Working closely with Catholic Charities, Jefferson County Community Ministries, and other organizations, the St. Agnes Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVdP) has been answering the call of the poor in our community for the past five years. Through the generous support of our parish, the Conference has been able to help individuals avoid eviction, continue to have heat and electrical service, make emergency repairs to their homes and vehicles, pay medical bills and secure medications, and provide temporary shelter to those who suddenly find themselves homeless.

Parishioners are asked to prayerfully consider getting involved with our St. Agnes SVdP Conference. Please contact Lenearo Ashford (304) 820-7859 or Mike Vojtasko (304) 876-2963 to see how you can become involved.

## Separated/Divorced Support Group

St. Agnes would like to offer a Separated and Divorced Support Group, depending on interest in this area. The program would be offered for a 9 to 10 week period, meeting once a week at a location to be determined. The program would be headed by Mr. Richard Hitchcock of St. Agnes. Mr. Hitchcock headed a similar program in the Diocese of Orlando. If you are interested in attending this program or have any questions, please contact Mr. Hitchcock at 803-331-2565.

## ICON Workshop Rescheduled!

### Early Christian Byzantine Iconography Workshop A Series of Six One Day Friday Classes January 17, 2020 – February 21, 2020

This workshop is a unique theological, religious, spiritual, and artistic experience that is open to everyone. We are now taking registrations. Registration forms can be found in the Narthex, the Parish Center, or on the St. Agnes website.



Look for St. Agnes CFF/Youth on Facebook - This is a closed group for parishioners who are parents of K- HS youth of St. Agnes to find out what activities are happening for their children. We will also share resources to support you in forming your children in the faith.

### Tithing Report for September - October

GSIVC (Good Shepherd Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers)	\$1,500
Hospice of the Panhandle	\$500
Jefferson County Community Ministries	\$1,700
Saint Joseph School	\$2,200
Saint Vincent de Paul Society	\$600
Social Concerns Committee	\$350
Diocesan Collection – Diocesan Scholarship Association	\$500
Diocesan Collection – Catholic University	\$500
Diocesan Collection - Universal Mission	\$500
Diocesan Collection – Bahamas Relief Special Collection	\$1,096

## CCWV Seeking Volunteers

Catholic Charities West Virginia is currently seeking individuals who are passionate about helping their community! The right candidates should be comfortable with working with individuals who are seeking support and resources from all walks of life.

### Some tasks may include:

- Greeting walk-in clients
- Scheduling appointments
- Completing laundry and shower sign-ups
- Taking inventory of towels and toiletries and restocking
- Sorting and re-filling book and personal care donations
- Updating community resource flyers
- Updating community event flyers
- Making copies

For more information, please contact Siobhán Bertone at 304-267-8837 or [sbertone@ccwva.org](mailto:sbertone@ccwva.org).

## Parish Financial Activity

### Collections – Last Week

Offertory Collections	\$9,538
Monthly Mortgage Assistance	\$1,120
<b>Total (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)</b>	<b>\$10,658</b>
<b>Weekly Target (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)</b>	<b>\$12,000</b>
<b>Total Collections Compared to Target</b>	<b>↓ -\$1,342</b>

**Tithe to help those in need** \$954  
(St. Agnes tithes 10% of all offertory donations)

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is committed to the protection of its children and young people. The Diocese complies with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* by maintaining an Office of Safe Environment. To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact the West Virginia Bureau for Children and Families/Child Protective Services by calling the Child Abuse Hotline at 800.352.6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact one of the Bishop's designees at 888.434.6237 (toll free) or 304.233.0880: Sister Ellen Dunn, ext. 264; Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Fr. Dennis Schuelkens, ext. 270 or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504. For more information on the Diocese's Office of Safe Environment, please go to [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org), then click the "Diocese" tab, then click "Office of Safe Environment" under the "Offices" menu. To learn more about the Catholic Church's efforts in preventing sexual abuse of children in the United States, please visit <http://www.usccb.org>. Under "Issues and Action," click "Child and Youth Protection" from the drop down menu.

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